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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM LUERS

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SUBJECT: SFRC VOTE ON MCGOVERN AMENDMENT

- 1. THE FULL SFRC VOTED 10-6 ON MAY 10 IN FAVOR OF AN AMENDED VERSION OF THE MCGOVERN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL AFTER SPIRITED ONE AND ONE HALF HOUR DEBATE. AMENDMENT PERMITS SALE AND DELIVERY OF FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO CUBA FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES.
- 2. ATTACK ON ORIGINAL MCGOVERN AMENDMENT WAS MADE BY STONE, SUPPORTED BY CHURCH. AMENDED VERSION EXCLUDING PURCHASES FROM CUBA WAS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY JAVITS AND WAS SUPPORTED AT DECISIVE STAGE BY HUMPHREY.
- 3. GLEYSTEEN AS STATE DEPARTMENT WITNESS TOOK NEUTRAL POSTURE ON AMENDMENT BUT WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE AMENDED VERSION BY SPARKMAN PRIOR TO THE VOTE SAID IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD NOT HARM THE US NEGOTIATING POSITION.

- 4. VOTING IN FAVOR: SPARKMAN, CHURCH, PELL, MCGOVERN, HUMPHREY, BIDEN, CLARK, SARBANES, JAVITS AND PERCY. AGAINST: GLENN, STONE, CASE, BAKER, PIERSON AND GRIFFIN.
- 5. AFTERWARDS STONE PRIVATELY THANKED GLEYSTEEN FOR

POSITION HE TOOK AND SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME. DURING DEBATE CASE MADE IT CLEAR HE WOULD VOTE FOR AMENDMENT IF IT APPLIED TO MEDICINES ONLY. BELIEVE THIS WAS POSITION OF SEVERAL OTHER SENATORS WHO VOTED AGAINST. CHRISTOPHER

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